

Dear FCC:

I'm not sure the proper way to officially comment on a issue involving our public airwaves so I decided to write this letter. It involves Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election.

Since Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest, I was wondering how this blatant anti-Kerry advertisement was accomplishing this goal. It appears that when large companies control the airwaves, we run the risk of this type of propaganda. Needless to say, more diversity in the airwaves creates more dialogue and is what we need for a strong and stable democracy.

The actions by Sinclair demonstrate the need to strengthen media ownership rules. Hopefully, when it is time to renew the license for Sinclair you will give thoughtful consideration to the need for serving the public interest and the strengthening of our democracy. However, if the process for renewing a broadcast license has denigrated into merely an administrative routine, then it is too late and our democracy is already lost. Thank you.